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What am I?

Answer: Non-native

I am a bullfrog. I was brought to Oregon in the 1920's as a food resource, but my voracious appetite has been blamed for the decline of many native aquatic species.

What am I?

Answer: ANS, aquatic nuisance species

I am a Pacific Salmon, a species that has been present in the Columbia River for thousands of years.

What am I?

Answer: Native

I am a starling. Native to Eurasia and North Africa, 80 of my ancestors were intentionally released into Central Park (New York) back in 1890 and since this time we have spread throughout North America into all 50 states.

What am I?

Answer: Non-native

I am Japanese knotweed. I am an escaped ornamental garden plant that is capable of crowding out all other vegetation in an area.

What am I?

Answer: Invasive

I am an Olympic marmot. I can only be found living in the high elevation meadows and rocky mountain slopes of the Olympic Peninsula.

What am I?

Answer: endemic



I am a Nutria. I was introduced to Oregon and Washington in the 1930s for my soft fur. My feeding and burrowing habits tend to damage wetland areas, collapse banks and destroy native aquatic vegetation. I may also carry parasites and pathogens that are transmittable to livestock, pets and even humans!

What am I?

Answer: ANS, aquatic nuisance species

I am a Western pearlshell mussel. I am one of five indigenous freshwater mussel species that can be found in the lower Columbia River.

What am I?

Answer: Native

I am a cow. I didn't come from outer space, but I can still be considered an alien in the United States.

What am I?

Answer: Non-native

I am Himalayan blackberry. My fruit may be tasty, but I'm considered a noxious weed in the state of Washington. I grow very aggressively, displacing and shading out native plants and trees and can cover and replace native habitat that is important for plant and animal diversity.

What am I?

Answer: Invasive

I am an Olympic mudminnow. My name may sound drab, but I'm a very special little fish that only occurs in western Washington.

What am I?

Answer: Endemic

I've grown naturally in Washington since before humans even lived here.

What am I?

Answer: Native



I am Purple loosestrife. I was brought to North America by settlers for their flower gardens, but now I'm taking over stream and river banks, lake shores, freshwater marshes and wetlands. Just try to stop me!

What am I?

Answer: ANS, aquatic nuisance species

I am a largemouth bass. Although people really like to fish for me, I'm still considered an exotic species in the Columbia River.

What am I?

Answer: Non-native

I am Hydrilla. My thick mats of vegetation can crowd out important native aquatic plants and interfere with recreational water activities such as boating, fishing and swimming.

What am I?

Answer: ANS, aquatic nuisance species.

I am a plant that can only be found in one location on the planet.

What am I?

Answer: Endemic

I am the western pond turtle. I was listed as an endangered species by Washington State in 1993. The introduction of turtle-eating invasive predators such as bullfrogs, opossums and largemouth bass have greatly reduced our numbers.

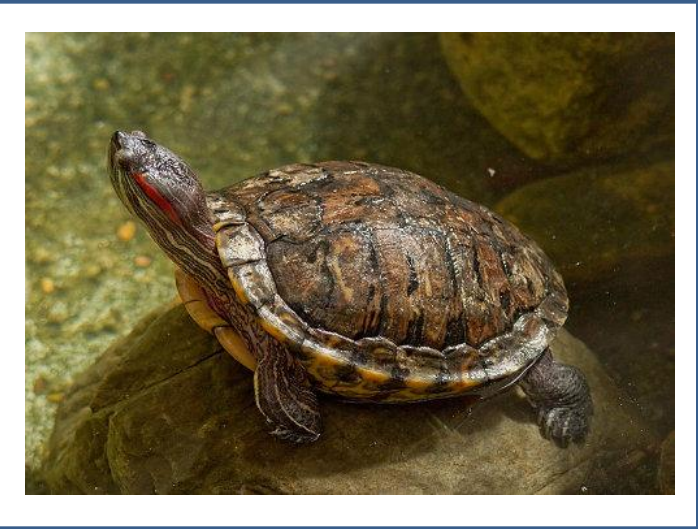
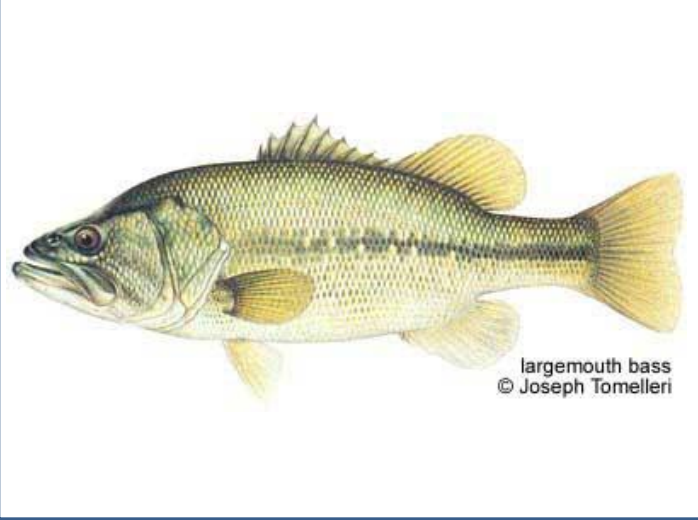
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Answer: Native

I am the red-eared slider. I used to be some one's pet, but I was released into the wild where I don't belong. Now I compete with native turtles for food, nesting, and basking sites. I'm also a known carrier of the *salmonella* bacterium, so watch out – I could make you sick!

What am I?

Answer: Invasive, or ANS



I am a plant brought here from another country, but I'm able to live in harmony with my new environment.

What am I?

Answer: Non-native

I am a New Zealand mudsnail. I may be small, but don't be fooled! I can reproduce quickly and completely cover a stream bed and wreak havoc on the local stream ecosystem.

What am I?

Answer: ANS, aquatic nuisance species

I am the caddisfly. I am a very important part of freshwater food chains and my presence typically indicates that the aquatic ecosystem is healthy.

What am I?

Answer: Native

I am many of the things you like to eat: apples, cinnamon, corn, wheat and watermelon.

What am I?

Answer: Non-native

I am a red swamp crayfish. I may look like my native cousin (the signal crayfish), but I was introduced to your local waters by humans. I feed on almost anything and everything, which can disrupt the aquatic ecosystem leading to declines in aquatic plants, snails, insects, amphibians and native crayfish.

What am I?

Answer: ANS, aquatic nuisance species

I am the Chinese Mitten Crab. As my name implies, I'm not from around these parts, but I can sure have a big impact on commercial and recreational fishing! Me and my friends damage nets and fishing gear, steal your bait and make your catch unsuitable for the market – hey we have to eat too!

What am I?

Answer: ANS, aquatic invasive species



I don't usually grow in Washington, but I hitchhiked up here as a seed on a truck tire.

What am I?

Answer: Non-native

I am a zebra mussel, one of the most devastating and costly mollusk's to ever invade US waters. Millions of dollars are spent each year to fix the damage I cause. Fortunately for you I haven't found my way into the Columbia River... yet.

What am I?

Answer: ANS, aquatic nuisance species

I was brought into Washington by people a long time ago, but I can't seem to move anywhere without the help of humans.

What am I?

Answer: Non-native

I am a small shrew on a remote island. My population has a higher risk of extinction because of our geographic isolation.

What am I?

Answer: Endemic

I am English ivy. I was introduced into the United States as an ornamental plant. You might think I look good in your back yard, but I can take over hillsides and forests, and kill mature trees.

What am I?

Answer: Invasive

I am your pet goldfish. You didn't want me anymore so you dumped me in a local pond. Now I'm lonely and hungry because I don't know how to live in the wild, and my bright colors make me an easy target for predators.

What am I?

Answer: Non-native



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- b) Native (0 points)
- c) Invasive (0 points)

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